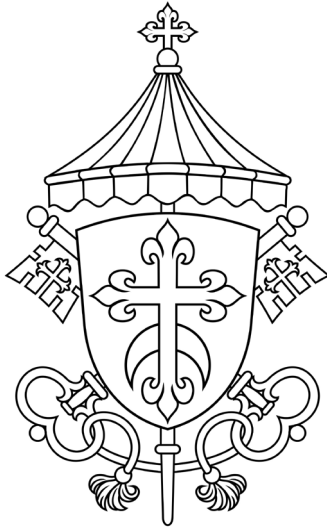


# ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL



## Solemn Mass

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

29 June 2025  
10.30am

## ELECTRONIC COLLECTION PLATES

The option to make an offering via credit card is available at this Mass.



*Please note you can continue to donate with cash or pass the plate on.*



No photography or videography permitted while Mass is in progress.

# WELCOME

to St Mary's Cathedral which stands in the centre of Sydney as a Christian statement of grace and beauty. Generations of artists have bequeathed to it their magnificent gifts in stone and glass, designing a unique space of solace and prayer within this vibrant city. This Cathedral represents the spiritual origins of the Catholic Church in Australia. It is one of Sydney's most treasured historic buildings and one of the finest examples of English-style gothic churches in the world. William Wilkinson Wardell, the 19th century architect, dreamed of a gothic structure shaped from the local yellow-block sandstone on which this city is built. The building was finally completed 100 years after the architect's death. The Cathedral is dedicated to Mary, Immaculate Mother of God, Help of Christians.

## THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR

St Mary's Cathedral Choir is the oldest musical institution in Australia. In 1818 a group of choristers was formed to sing Vespers before the Blessed Sacrament in the Dempsey household, the centre of Catholic worship in the penal colony. After the establishment of St Mary's Cathedral in 1833 the successors of these choristers formed the permanent Cathedral Choir. In faithfulness to the Benedictine English tradition from which the Cathedral's founders came, the Choir was formed of men and boys, preserving the historical character of Catholic liturgical and musical heritage. However, from 2025, St Mary's began a girls' choir, and St Mary's is the only Catholic Cathedral in Australia to have an on-site Choir School where the boy and girl choristers are educated. The other parts of the Choir are provided by lay clerks who are professional singers. The Choir's primary function is to sing Vespers and Mass in the Cathedral which it does almost daily, but it has also undertaken several international tours, recordings and concert projects.

## REGULAR CHORAL SERVICES

Sunday	1030	<b>Solemn Mass</b> <i>Full Choir</i>
	1700	<b>Solemn Vespers and Benediction</b> <i>Lay Clerks</i>
Monday	1700	<b>Vespers</b> <i>Lay Clerks</i>
	1730	<b>Mass</b> <i>Boy Choristers &amp; Lay Clerks</i>
Tuesday	1700	<b>Vespers</b> <i>Cathedral Scholars</i>
	1730	<b>Mass</b> <i>Boy &amp; Girl Choristers</i>
Wednesday	1700	<b>Vespers</b> <i>Cathedral Scholars</i>
	1730	<b>Mass</b> <i>Girl Choristers &amp; Lay Clerks</i>
Thursday	1700	<b>Vespers</b> <i>Lay Clerks</i>
	1730	<b>Mass</b> <i>Lay Clerks</i>

Download the weekly Music List at <http://musiclists.cathedralchoir.sydney>

**TO MAINTAIN A SPIRIT OF REVERENCE AND SOLEMNITY,  
PLEASE TURN OFF AND REFRAIN FROM USING ALL MOBILE TELEPHONES  
AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES.**

# ORDER OF MASS

*At the sound of the Sacristy bell all stand and sing*

## THE HYMN



Full in the pant-ing heart of Rome, the pil-grim's and the stran-ger's home,



Our voi-ces raise to\_ God in pray'r, With faith-ful Chri-stians ga-thered there.

### *Refrain*



God bless our Pope, God bless our Pope,



God bless our Pope, the great, the good.

Almighty God, whose sacred word  
The great Apostle Peter heard,  
Who guides with ever-faithful hand  
Your holy Church in every land  
*God bless our Pope...*

O Lord of every age and place,  
Peter's successor asks your grace;  
Abundant faith and strength provide,  
Inspire and lead, protect and guide.  
*God bless our Pope...*

Where Peter is, the Church shall be,  
As Christ once taught in Galilee.  
Your saints join us to sing your praise  
From now until the end of days.  
*God bless our Pope...*

# THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

*The Choir sings the INTROIT*

*Acts 12:11; Psalm 138*

**N**UNC scio vere, quia misit Dominus Angelum suum: et eripuit me de manu Herodis, et de omni expectatione plebis Iudæorum. V. Domine probasti me, et cognovisti me: tu cognovisti sessionem meam, et resurrectionem meam.

*Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel to rescue me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting. V. O Lord, you search me and you know me, you know my resting and my rising.*

*All make the Sign of the Cross as the Celebrant says*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R: **Amen.**

Peace be with you.

R: **And with your spirit.**

## PENITENTIAL ACT

Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

*After a brief silence all say*

**I CONFESS to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,**

*All strike their breast thrice, saying*

**through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

*The Celebrant gives the absolution, saying*

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R: **Amen.**

*The Choir sings the KYRIE and GLORIA*

*from Missa Brevis in C (KV 259)*

*Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756–1791)*

Kyrie, eleison. Christe, eleison. Kyrie, eleison.

*Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*

Gloria in excelsis Deo  
et in terra pax hominibus bonæ voluntatis.  
Laudamus te,  
benedicimus te,  
adoramus te,  
glorificamus te,  
gratias agimus tibi  
propter magnam gloriam tuam,  
Domine Deus, Rex cælestis,  
Deus Pater omnipotens.  
Domine Fili Unigenite, Iesu Christe,  
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis;  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
suscipe deprecationem nostram.  
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,  
miserere nobis.  
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus,  
tu solus Dominus,  
tu solus Altissimus,  
Iesu Christe,  
cum Sancto Spiritu:  
in gloria Dei Patris.  
Amen.

*Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore you,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks  
for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.*

*The Celebrant says the COLLECT*

℟: **Amen.**

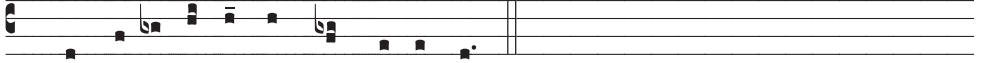
# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

*Acts 12: 1-11*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*Psalm 33: 2-9*



**R. From all my terrors the LORD set me free.**

I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad.   ℟̥

Glorify the Lord with me.  
Together let us praise his name.  
I sought the Lord and he answered me;  
from all my terrors he set me free.   ℟̥

Look towards him and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.  
This poor man called, the Lord heard him  
and rescued him from all his distress.   ℟̥

The angel of the Lord is encamped  
around those who revere him, to rescue them.  
Taste and see that the Lord is good.  
He is happy who seeks refuge in him.   ℟̥

SECOND READING

*2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 17-18*

*The Choir sings the ALLELUIA*

℣ Matthew 16:18

Alleluia.

℣ Tu es Petrus, et super hanc petram ædificabo Ecclesiam meam.

You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL

*Matthew 16: 13-19*

The Lord be with you.

℣ **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

℣ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the conclusion of the Gospel:*

The Gospel of the Lord.

℣ **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

HOMILY



## PROFESSION OF FAITH

**I BELIEVE** in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,

*All bow during the following line:*

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## UNIVERSAL PRAYER

# THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*The Choir sings the* OFFERTORY MOTET

*Charles-Marie Widor (1844–1937)*

**T**U es Petrus et super hanc petram ædificabo Ecclesiam meam, et portæ inferi non prævalebunt adversus eam: et tibi dabo claves regni cælorum.

*You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.*

*The Celebrant says*

Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

℟: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

*The Celebrant says the* PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

℟: **Amen.**

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

**T** HE Lord be with you. ℟: **And with your spi-rit.**

Lift up your hearts. ℟: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. ℟: **It is right and just.**

THE PREFACE

**S** An- ctus, \* Sanctus, San- ctus Dó- mi-nus De- us Sá-  
 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

ba-oth. Ple-ni sunt cæ- li et ter- ra gló- ri- a tu- a. Ho- sánna in excél-  
 Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

sis. Be-ne-dí- ctus qui ve- nit in nómi-ne Dó-mi-ni. Ho- sán- na in  
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in

ex-cél- sis.  
 the highest.

When the Celebrant sings

The mystery of faith.

All sing

**W**<sup>R</sup> E proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Re-sur-rection  
 until you come a-gain.

When the Celebrant sings

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

All respond

**A**-men.

# COMMUNION RITE

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

*All sing*

**O** UR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our dai-ly bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses, as we for-give those who trespass a-gainst us;  
and lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-liv-er us from e- vil.

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

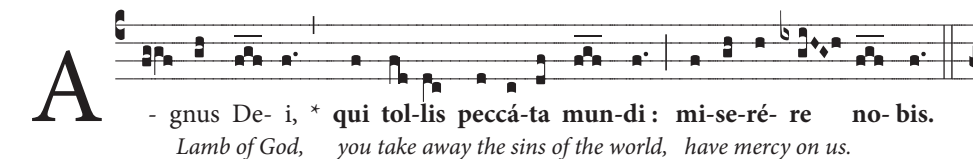
**℟:** For the kingdom, the power and the glo-ry are yours now and for ev-er.

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

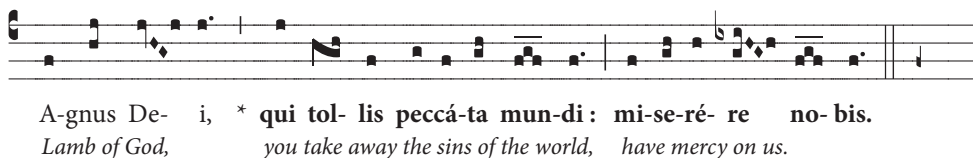
**℟:** Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**℟:** And with your spirit.



**A** - gnus De- i, \* **qui tol-lis peccá-ta mun-di: mi-se-ré- re no- bis.**  
*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.*



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A- gnus De- i, \* **qui tol-lis peccá-ta mun-di: do-na no- bis pa- cem.**  
*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.*

*The Celebrant shows the host to the congregation, saying*

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

✠ **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

***Catholics who have made the proper spiritual and sacramental preparation  
 may come forward in the procession to receive Holy Communion.  
 The sacred host must be consumed in the presence of the communion minister.***

*The Choir sings the AGNUS DEI*

*from Missa Brevis in C (KV 259)*

*Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.  
 Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.  
 Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem.

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.  
 Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.  
 Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.*

*The Choir sings the COMMUNION ANTIPHON*

*Matthew 16:18*

Tu es Petrus, et super hanc petram ædificabo Ecclesiam meam.

You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.

*All sing*

## THE HYMN

In - to a world of dark - ness since the fall,  
new light has dawned, two cham pions heard the call:  
Pe - ter the rock, and Paul once known as Saul. Al -  
le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia.

First Peter stared in wonder at the sight,  
Jesus transfigured, clothed in glorious light,  
then heard God praise his Son  
from heaven's height.

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Beside a desert road a different sign,  
Saul saw a blinding light in splendour shine  
and Jesus told him,  
'These you hurt are mine!'

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

On each a lifelong mission was conferred,  
'Go tell the nations all that you have heard  
of God made known  
through Christ th'incarnate Word.'

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Their work accomplished,  
called to their reward,  
one crucified, one martyred by the sword,  
their deaths bore witness to the risen Lord.

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*The Celebrant says the* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

R: **Amen.**

## THE CONCLUDING RITES

The Lord be with you.

R: **And with your spirit.**

May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

R: **Amen.**

Go forth, the Mass is ended.

R: **Thanks be to God.**

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Toccata for an Occasion 'Tu es Petrus'

*Brian Brockless (1926–1995)*

### LATER TODAY IN THE CATHEDRAL

Solemn Vespers and Benediction    *sung by the Lay Clerks  
of St Mary's Cathedral Choir*

**5.00pm**

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